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very unfair to say that we would ever hold Class I schools in disdain. I hold them in very high regard. I think that there is quality education in all of our schools across Nebraska, and it was simply, as you know, a matter of property tax relief that people had wanted through 1114 and 299, that we had to come up with a way to direct funds to the schools of Nebraska that, with funds, certainly not about the quality of education in Class Is, certainly about what we could afford to do and where we could afford to send those state dollars, and certainly, as we can see, left it up to local control for those schools to vote outside the levy limit if they wished to continue to operate as they wish. That was never...we did not do anything to prevent the schools that you've read about, from doing that and holding that election. And so, I, as chair of the Education Committee, I feel a commitment to stand up, and for the reputation of the committee, and certainly for the reputation of the entire body, when someone says that we hold Class Is in disdain. We certainly don't. We think they do a wonderful job, that quality education goes on. It was simply a matter, with limited dollars, we had to make choices as to where we could direct those dollars. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. Seeing no further lights, Senator, do you wish any additional closing? Closing is waived. The question before you is the advancement of LB 1175. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 2 nays, on the advancement of LB 1175, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: LB 1175 advances. Mr. Clerk, items for the record.

CLERK: I do, Madam President. Enrollment and review reports (LB) 1063, (LB) 1228, (LB) 1362 and LR 45CA as correctly engrossed. And, Senator Bruning and Senator Schrock, amendments to (LB) 1209; Senator Chambers to (LB) 752A; Senator Schimek, (LB) 1175; Senator Wesely, (LB) 1070. That's all that I have, Madam President. (See pages 1228-29 of the Legislative Journal.)